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2002 HEALTH BENEFITS OPEN SEASON

1. The Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) open season is 11 November through 9 December 2002. However, due to the delay in receiving FEHB open season materials, the open season period has been extended to 31 December 2002. Technicians will receive a copy of brochures and a notice of 2003 rates from their current plan. Be sure to review the section of the brochure that describes how benefits have changed for 2003.

2. If you have access to the Internet, all 2003 FEHB Guides and health plan brochures are available from the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) web site (www.opm.gov/insure). The FEHB web site can help you to choose your health plan and enroll.

3. During open season, any eligible employee who is not currently enrolled may enroll, and any eligible enrollee may change from one plan or option to another, from self only to self and family, or make a combination of these changes. In addition, open season allows employees to change their premium conversion election. An eligible employee who enrolls in FEHB may elect to participate or to waive participation in premium conversion. An eligible enrollee may elect to begin participation if they have previously waived participation.

4. Enrollees who wish to continue their current FEHB enrollments and premium conversion elections do not need to take any action during this open season. Technicians who wish to enroll or change their FEHB enrollment must complete a Health Benefits Registration Form (Standard Form (SF) 2809). These forms are available from your remote designee or you may contact Sharon Costello, Customer Services, at CAGNET 63158, DSN 466-3158 or (916) 854-3158. These forms must be received in the Human Resource Office before the close of

business on the last day of open season. **You may also obtain the SF 2809 from the OPM web site.**

5. New enrollments, changes to current enrollments, and changes to premium conversion elections made during open season generally will become effective **the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after 1 January 2003.** If you change plans, any covered expenses incurred between 1 January 2003 and the effective date of the open season change will count toward the 2002 deductible of the plan you are changing from.

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